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Henrietta Crosman, as Kitty,

owel over the skin, according to Dr. obertson, removed the natural scales

f the skin, or the "false skin." This, a said, conduced to the growth of bac-eria on the skin.

TRAMPS WILD WITH DELIGHT

Bathing Is Foolish, Says Prof. Robertson, Be-

sides Being Conducive to Pneumonia and

CHRCAGO, Dec. 10.—"When people such an assertion were wrong. The leave off bathing there will be little or habit of taking "dry" baths was also nothing for the doctors to do. Pneudenounced. The rubbing of a rough

has aroused the interest or members.

Prof. Robertson asserted that the theory that the closing of pores of the skin would result in death is false. He said that all physiologies which made

MISS CROSMAN AS KITTY IS CHARMING

In Egerton Castle's Reconstructed "Bath Comedy" She Scores Her Greatest Success Since Days of "Mistress Nell"

PLAY SUPERBLY MOUNTED.

David Belasco Not Only Has Provid ed a Sumptuous Stage Setting. but an Adequate Support, with Pretty Gowne and Pretty Women

Theatre at 18.15 this morn

mily and so very success-bout the long evening that has a bit rough she should

mye been pretty well tired and of her first New York

hitched to "captivating," makes a players pres of words over which Miss Cross a comedy in certainly has a right to draw the Oncisest.

Change in the Book.

"The Bath Comedy" of Egerton Castle has been considerably changed in its making-over into "Swee Kitty Bellairs." Some of the comic complications of the story have been sacrificed for the sake of effective "situations," and there has been a general twisting around of things. In its Irish wit, however, the play is brighter even than the book. Kitty's speech fairly sparkles, and—hist!—it has more truth in it, for Kitty remains true to the boylsh verney, instead of continuing her fliritricus career.

Mr. Belasco has worked with his customary skilfuiness and has staged the play splendidly. There is a charming out-of-doors scene and a sumptuous hall-room settling, which, instead of having the conventional three sides, runs asiant and offers a blased view, but one blased entirely in Mr. Belasco's favor. He has also found beautiful costumes and beautiful women to put in them.

One serious trouble with the elaborate settlings is that an audience is apt to grow weary waiting for them. Doubtless, though, the performance will begin moving faster to-night.

Support Was Good.

Adequate support has been provided the unseasoned lover Verney in the right spirit, and Edwin Stevens, as the gruff Col. Villiers, amusingly demonstrated how wine beats absence all hollow in making the heart grow fonder. R. Peyton Carter, as the other colonel, and J. Malcolm Dunn, as Capt. O'Hara, played with marked naturalness. Frank H. Westerton made the spying Capt. Spicer properly despicable.

The Sir Jasper Standish of John E. Kellerd was riot altogether satisfactory, but the lachrymose Lady Standish, on the pilhar hand, was played perfectly by Katherine Florence, who held next place to Miss Crosman in point of excellence, and who, besides, is a mighty pretty woman.

pretty woman.

As long as Mr. Belasco was bound to have a rainstorm to finish off with, it seems he might have saved himself and the stage hands a lot of work by letting the watery Julia furnish the moisture. As it is, Mr. Belasco's downpresses one as a trifle theatric, not to say living-pictury. However, he deserves thanks for thoughtfully placing Miss Crosman under a cloud which apparently didn't leak.

C. D.

MISCREANTS CUT BELASCO'S ROPES

Postponement of New Production at the Theatre.

David Belasco would like very much to know who the vandals were that cut the thousand fly ropes in his the atre on Sunday. By so doing the van dals came very near causing the postment of the first performance of Sweet Kitty Bellairs." As it was, the curtain failed to work properly, and there were long waits between the Boones that kept the audience in the

HENRIETTA CROSMAN AND HER FELLOW-PLAYERS, WHO MADE A SUCCESS OF "SWEET KITTY BELLAIRS." CARUSO PROVES



avid Belasco Expresses His Grati-

tude for Reception the Play

Charlotte Wiehe, Admirably Supported, Furnishes a Merry Evening at the Vaudeville Theatre in "Je Ne Sais Quot."

This manage of three-the deadly fird-will system of matrimony which nakes the failure of so many French omes and the success of so many French comedies scored its latest dramatic triumph last night at the Vaudeville Theatre, when Charlotte Wiehe and her company of French players presented "Je Ne Sais Quoi," a comedy in three acts, by Francois de

man certainly has a right to draw the factors.

This winsome, womanly actress has the factor and appeared to such delightful adnot the Marquis d'illweux, a young French the infinitesing the auxiries her mang a young French the Marquis d'illweux, a young French the Marquis d'illweux, a young French the infinitesing the auxiries her mang avent delicious as if it had just bean deux d'illweux a young French the Marquis d'illweux

a show girl.

But, though the Marquis d'Evreux does not know what his American wife lacks, his friend, the Count d'Arleval, does, and undertakes to teach it to her in return for similar services as tutor previously undertaken by the Marquis with the Count's wife.

In return the Marquis proposes a post-graduate course to the charming Countess, end the Count's wife.

The young American, however, loves her husband, which, properly enough, he considers an exhibition of shocking tasts. Uitimately, however, the ardor of her lover and the indifference of the Marquis overcome her scruples; she acquires the "ie ne sais quoi," and the Count d'Arjeval, and a very delightful and audacious comedy comes to an end.

M. Charlier played the Marquis with

to an end.

M. Charlier played the Marquis with rare case and distinction, and all the company seemed perfectly at home on the very him ice over which the comedy compelled them to disport themselves. As for Madame Wiehe, ahe actually danced a cake-walk on it, to the delight of a packed house, which recalled her half a dozen times.

Adequate support has been provided star. Charles Hammond played e unseasoned lover Verney in the shirt, and Edwin Stevens, as the FOR LOVE OF MUSIC

Fourteen-Year-Old Girl Signed Companion's Pay Check to Get Money with Which to Continue Her Studies.

Anxious to continue her musical studies, fourteen-year-old Blanche Connell, of No. 220 Paolife avenue, Brooklyn, forged the name of another girl to pay check in a Fulton street depart-When taken before the Magistrate she rankly admitted her guilt. With tears n her eyes she told how she wanted to tudy music and become a great singer, and she had no money. She declared she intended to repay the money when

she made a name for herself.

Blanche is the third of our daughers and formerly worked in the Fulton street store. Running short of money she went to the store and told the as-Severed One Thousand Used for sistant cashier she was Amelia Hoern-Scenery and Nearly Caused for Amelia's pay and received a blank

for \$3.86. The cashier questioned her and being told that she was drawing the money for Amelia paid it without further comment. When Amelia came to get her money there was none there.

Harlem to Have Grand Opera. Harlem is to have a grand opera sea son of five weeks, beginning Dec. 21, at the West End Theatre. Weber & Fields have secured Henny W. Savoge's English Grane Opera Company, which will appear in a repertoire of ten operas, two each week. Verdi's "Othello" will be sung in English for the first time in New York during the opening week, alternating with "Carmen." The orchestra will be under the direction of Chevaller N. B. Emanuel and Elliott Schenck, the Wagnerian conductor.

comes that kept the audience in the consequence of the stage hands reported Monday morning to hang the scenery of the new production. Mr. Belasco was not discovered until the stage hands reported Monday morning to hang the scenery of the new production. Mr. Belasco was notified at once and engaged two gangs of men to work with ano day putting tip onew ropes. The superior of the New York Chapter, Daughters of the New Five hundred members of the American that Mr. Belasco came to the contains the Mr. Belasco came to the contains the mr. The orchestra will be under the direction of Chavaller N. B. Emanuel direction of Chavaller N. B. Emanu

CONRIED'S TRUMP!

As Canio in "Pagliacci" He Moves a Crowded Metropoli tan Opera-House Audience to a Tumult of Applause.

MME. SEMBRICH AS NEDDA.

First Double Bill of the Season-

come into his kingdom so far as New York is concerned. He is become a

essed him of singing, pure and simple. It was an Italian night. First came neister's satisfying Lucia.

Following this came Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci," in which Caruso, as Canio.

perament, but her easy grace, her marinimitable art made hers a notable per

impersonation familiar to all opera-goers, yet rounded out with new details and embellished with added graces. In such company Caruso more than held his own. Playing the clown without the customary white face make-up, he was able to give free expression to his emotions. Others may have touched a more intense note in acting the part, but none has excelled him in its vocal of his voice, and it rang true at every

At the end of the first act there was a tumult of applause. Not only from the singer's fellow-countrymen, ne said, conduced to the growth of bacteria on the skin.

The dootor concluded with a touching incident of 4 poor Esquisman brought from Greenland to Boston, who had never been ill in his life. He was given a bath, contracted pneumonia and died in two days.

SHIPS FOR PANAMA CANAL.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10,—The Board of Trade of New Orleans is organizing a \$5,000,000 steamship company to run between here and the Orient by way of the proposed Panama Canal.

Christmas money in many cases go twice as far. The Store was never more interesting—and never anywhere were there greater values. Just paragraphs to tell about them—take the rest for granted. Here is an innovation, too—a special help for people in a hurry—an idea that fits in with the Christ-Holiday Gift Packages All Wrapped Ready to Carry Away Without Waiting.

ABRAHAM AND STRAUS

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You want to give Handkerchiefs, say. Here at the counter you find three separate open boxes each filled with a different and carefully chosen assortment. You select the one you like, the salesperson hands you a duplicate box wrapped in white paper and tied with ribbon—no price mark inside—all ready to give. You pay for it and take it with you—no waiting of any kind, for we dispense with cashier and wrapper. All through the Store we have done this—Gloves, Umbrellas, Books—some one particular item everywhere that it is possible. In every case the article is special and unusual value. In every instance it is packed in a special Christmas box.

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Pretty little catch-alis that every woman will appreciate as a Holiday remembrance. These are of black or colored walrus leathers and of black or colored saffian leathers. Made with leather handles, gilt frames and each fitted with purse. Special value at 97c.

Main Floor, front, Central Building.

A Christmas Candy Box, 15c.

A half-pound box of Chocolates, Bonbons and Cherries, arranged daintily in a special Christmas box and tied with arranged daintily in a special constitution. Ready to carry away to-morrow without any waiting for change or anything.

Candy Store, Main floor, Central Building.

Chain Bracelets at 97c.

Pretty Bracelets for women or for girls. Made of rolled gold plate and of sterling silver, both plain and chased links, and with padlock and key. Done up in a pretty Christmas box and tied with ribbon—unusual value at 87°.

Men's Gloves, 2 Pairs, \$2.75.

The special Christmas Box in the convenient little Glove Store for men that is just inside the door of the East

One pair of gray silk-lined castor Gloves, warm and One pair of Walking Gloves, with the new double drawn

The two pairs in a pretty gift box, wrapped with white paper and tied with ribbon. Unusual value at \$2.75.

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Men's 28-inch Umbrelias, covered with excellent mercertzed cloth and with cases to match. The handles are fine
selected horns. Full \$1.25 value for 97c.

Main floor, front. Central Building.

\$1.50 Lace Top Collars, 98c.

Real Duchesse Lace—the daintiest of neckwear—pretty patterns, mounted on bands. Done up in gift boxes all ready to be carried away. A third under their worth

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19c. Breakfast Bacon, 14c.

RIDAY'S notable offering from the Grocery Store—boneless strips of fancy Bacon each weighing about three pounds. It is sweet, tender and nicely streaked with lean—the best Bacon that can be bought anywhere for 19c. a

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Procesy Store, Third floor, West Building.

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White and red in fancy stitch, with jersey collers and pearl buttons down the front. Just haif price.

\$7.00 Sweaters at \$4.98.

A very new model with the skint effect, jersey coller and curfs: honeycomb stitch; white and black, black and white, red and green and red and white. Central Building.

Specials in Weathered Oak. VEN the little Footstools that we shall sell to morrow for 45c. apiece are artistic—that's the special merit of this Weathered Oak Furniture. And it would be hard to find anything that

will last longer. 65c. Footstools at 45c. \$1.00 Tabourettes, 75c.
\$6.50 Rockers, \$4.85.
Weathered oak, Spanish leather seat.
Third floor, Central Building.

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ande.
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PAY AND TAKE

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George W. Cable's interesting romance—the original illustrated edition—packed in a pretty holly box, wrapped with white paper and tied with ribbon—one of the prettiest gifts you can think of and one of the best values anywhere at 59c.

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Three Basement Specials.

HREE out of many unusual Holiday offerings, which will make exceptional Friday interest in the Basement to-morrow: 75c. Nickel Fruit Baskets, 42c.

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VEN at regular prices they were special value, but these will help to make to-morrow not-

\$2.25 and \$2.75 Novelty Clocks—\$1.49. ich gold nevelty Chooks, with porcelain diels,

\$4.50 to \$5.98 Mantel Clocks-\$3.59.

Perhaps not "Parsifal" but Carus s to mark Mr. Conried's first season of grand opera. The Italian tenor has

Opera-House last night that recalled the heyday of the Academy, when Mapleson was the director; before the music-drama was understood and while Wagner was a thing to scoff at; when footlights and screamed their top notes amid a whirlwind of "bravas" and applause; when nobody cared a fig for art or the dramatic proprieties, and everybody gave free expression to the appreciation that for the moment pos Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," excellently done by a familiar cast. There was Gadski's poignant but sane San tuzza, Homer's seductive Lola, Dippel's picturesque Turiddu, Campanari's not quite stolld enough Alfio and Bauer

carried the house off its feet. And his triumph was fairly won because he was in public favor.

pearance in this city as Nedda. It is not a character best suited to her temvellous simulation of youth and her

Then there was Scotti, as Tonio, his

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